

SECTION M  
EVALUATION FACTORS FOR AWARD

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EVALUATION OF OPTIONS (JUL 1990)

Except when it is determined in accordance with FAR 17.206(b) not to be in the Government's best interests, the Government will evaluate offers for award purposes by adding the total price for all options to the total price for the basic requirement. Evaluation of options will not obligate the Government to exercise the option(s).

(End of provision)

M.2 EVALUATION PROCEDURES

The Government will make award to the lowest priced, technically acceptable responsible offeror. The low priced offeror is defined as the offeror with the "Grand Total" lowest overall extended price for all three years. An example Follows: The low offeror may have a higher price for year one but when the offeror's prices are totaled for all three years their grand total price is lowest overall. The low offeror would also have to be technically acceptable in order to be eligible for contract award. If the low offeror is not technically acceptable the contract will be awarded to the next lowest offeror who is technically acceptable. An offeror is technically acceptable if its proposal meets all technical requirements of the solicitation and is determined to be acceptable in the area of past performance. Unacceptable past performance is defined as unsatisfactory or poor performance.

The Offeror shall submit five (5) references to the IRS to be used in conducting past performance evaluation. Of the five (5) references submitted to the IRS three (3) will be randomly selected and interviewed by the IRS. The Government will consider each of the offeror's customers as a specific past performance case. Each of the past performance areas identified in the questions at Attachment J-12 will be evaluated to determine whether the specific case is acceptable or unacceptable. This evaluation will concern the past performance of an offeror's prior experience as a prime or subcontractor. It will not concern the prior experience of individual personnel in the offeror's organization (or of any proposed subcontractors.)

The offeror is responsible for ensuring that correct information is provided for each case, especially for each point-of-contact person. Only two attempts will be made to contact the appropriate person for each customer. In the event that no information is received within the requested time after the second attempt, then it will be noted that no past performance observation was received from the particular customer. If any one or more of the three randomly selected references are not reached, one or both of the other two references will be contacted.

Only one award will result from this solicitation.

Any proposal submitted as a result of this solicitation will be evaluated as one proposal whether or not the Offeror's proposal consists of:

1. An Offeror bidding alone (i.e., without subcontractors),
2. An Offeror with one or more subcontractors, or
3. A "team partnership" in which two or more offerors bid as one offeror.

[End of Provision]

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